

H. R. 384.

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Engrossed for this day.

A BILL

To allow the citizens of the Territory of Michigan to elect the members of their Legislative Council, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 *at the next, and at each succeeding election of members of*
4 *the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan, the*
5 *qualified electors of the said Territory may, instead of*
6 *choosing twenty-six, as heretofore directed, elect thirteen fit*
7 *persons, as their Representatives, in the manner and with the*
8 *qualifications now, or hereafter to be, prescribed by law;*
9 *which said Representatives, so elected, shall be and constitute*
10 *the said Legislative Council. And, for the purpose of secur-*
11 *ing an equal representation, the Governor and Legislative*
12 *Council of said Territory are hereby authorized and required*
13 *to apportion the Representatives, so to be elected as aforesaid,*
14 *among the several counties, or districts, in the said Territory,*
15 *in proportion, as near as may be, to the whole number of*
16 *inhabitants in each county, or district, exclusive of Indians*
17 *not taxed.*

1 **SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That the said Go-
2 verner and Legislative Council be, and they are hereby, au-
3 thorized to provide by law for holding, annually, one or more
4 Courts, by one or more of the Judges of the Supreme Court
5 of said Territory, in each of the counties in that part of the
6 Territory Eastward of the Lake Michigan; and also for the
7 appointment of a Clerk in each county, to act as Clerk to the
8 said Court therein; and further, to prescribe the jurisdiction
9 of said Courts, and the powers and duties of the Judge or
10 Judges holding the same.

1 **SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That the Judges of the
2 Supreme Court of the Territory of Michigan have, and may
3 exercise, the right of appointing the Clerk of the said Court,
4 and of removing him at pleasure.

1 **SEC. 4.** *And be it further enacted,* That no member of
2 the Legislative Council shall be eligible to any office created,
3 or the fees of which were regulated, by a law or laws passed
4 whilst he was a member, during the period for which he was
5 elected, and for one year thereafter.

1 **SEC. 5.** *And be it further enacted,* That all laws and parts
2 of laws, insofar as the same shall be inconsistent with the
3 provisions of this act, are hereby repealed; and further, that
4 Congress shall have the right, at any time, to alter or repeal
5 this act.